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Dr. Benjamin C. Perry House (Turning Point Inn)

Architectural Survey File

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Dr. Benjamin C. Perry House Survey Number: F:7-35

Project: I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co. Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Dr. Benjamin Perry House (Turning Point Inn) is located at 3406 Urbana Pike, southeast of Urbana in Frederick County. The is considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

The Perry House was built ca. 1910 as the residence of Dr. Perry and his wife. Dr. Perry was a native of Montgomery County, educated at Columbian University (now George Washington University), and practiced in Urbana for 8 or 9 years before moving to Bethesda, where he had a distinguished career.

The 2-1/2-story frame dwelling is designed in a Colonial Revival style and contains space in which Dr. Perry had his office and examining rooms. The dwelling, which faces an extensive lawn, extends five bays long and features Palladian windows, fanlight over a central entry or with sidelights and tracery muntins in the dormer windows. The interior, much renovated, still retains original mantelpieces in the two parlors flanking the central hall. The house is currently serving as a bed and breakfast. It survives as a good example of the early 20th century Colonial Revival style and meets Criterion C of the National Register. The proposed National Register boundaries include the dwelling and the parcel of land on which it stands (Tax Map 96, Parcel 39).

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Files

Prepared by: Janet L. Davis, MHT Form (1993); Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, DOE (1996).

Kimberly Prothro Williams September 26 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable
Peter A. Kimbly 9/30/96
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

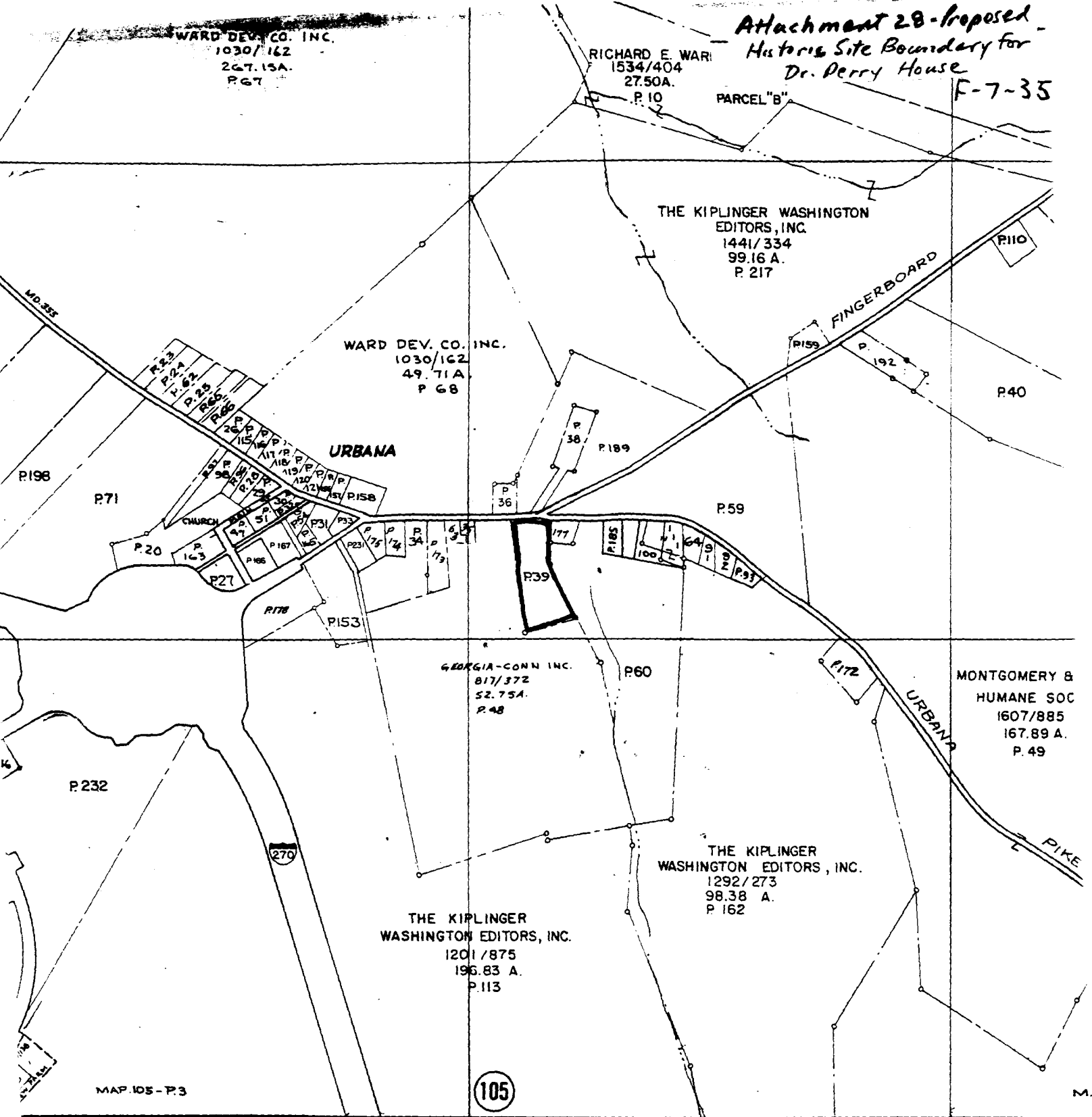
IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____



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Dr. Benjamin C. Perry House

Urbana

Private

Ca. 1910

The Dr. Benjamin Perry House is a good example of the early 20th century Colonial Revival style, having been built about 1910 as the residence of Dr. Perry and his wife. The house contained two rooms on the first story which were his office and examining room. It is a 2-1/2 story frame house with an imposing five-bay north elevation facing an extensive lawn. The house is distinguished by the Palladian window on the second story, which has a jib window in the center. An entry porch shelters the fanlighted door with leaded glass sidelights. The slate roof has three dormers with tracery muntins in the upper sashes. The house was converted to a bed and breakfast inn and restaurant in the mid-1980's, and a modern dining room addition, a kitchen extension, and the enclosure of an originally open sun porch on the east elevation were built at that time. The interior is much renovated, but two original mantelpieces are still in place in the parlors flanking the central hall. Dr. Perry (1881-1943) was a native of Montgomery County, educated at Columbian University (now George Washington University), and practiced in Urbana for only about 8 or 9 years before moving to Bethesda, where he had a distinguished career.

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Dr. Benjamin C. Perry House
Urbana
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/mansion
Domestic/secondary structure/garage
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes x no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. Benjamin C. Perry House

and/or common Turning Point Inn

2. Location

street & number (3406 Urbana Pike) NEW ADDRESS DUE TO A RELOCATION OF ITS ENTRANCE
DRIVEWAY: 8923 Fingerboard Road not for publicationcity, town Urbana vicinity of 6th congressional district

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> x occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> x building(s)	<u> </u> x private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> x commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> x yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> x not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bernard L. & Eleanor D. Droneburg

street & number 1426 Ocean Pines, 45 Sundial Circle telephone no.:

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1731

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 569

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-7-35

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Dr. Benjamin C. Perry House is a 2-1/2 story frame Colonial Revival residence built about 1910 on the south side of Urbana Pike in the village of Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The house is set back from the road across a broad flat lawn with several large trees which is flanked by a modern shopping center on the west and a residence on the east. The house faces north and has three non-contributing outbuildings behind the south or rear elevation. Adjoining the property on the south are open farm fields. The house is currently operated as a bed and breakfast inn and restaurant and has several additions dating from the mid-1980's, primarily on the south elevation. The date of the building was estimated from land records and its architectural features.

The house has beveled clapboard siding and a slate roof. The original L-shaped plan has been altered with the additions on the rear wing and southeast corner, which have modern artificial siding. The north elevation has five bays with a center entrance sheltered by a flat-roofed entry porch. Above the porch on the second floor is a Palladian window with a central jib window which originally opened on the balustraded roof of the porch. The top half-story has three slate-sided dormers projecting from the roof, with pedimented roofs and 6/6 windows with tracery muntins in the upper sash. The windows on the first and second stories are also 6/6, with shallow pediment lintels and louvred shutters. The Palladian window also has tracery muntins in the central jib window fanlight. The main entry has a door with two irregular panels and until recently had its original elaborately designed hardware. It was replaced for modern security needs, but the door handle, plate, and lock have been retained by the owner. The doorway has a fanlight and leaded glass sidelights. The entry porch has double Tuscan columns. On the west side of the house is a one-story enclosed room, now a dining room, which originally had a bank of three 6/6 windows on the north side and two doorways on the west elevation. A modern extension on the south side of this projecting room is used as a food locker with a metal exterior door. One of the two doorways is closed off with plywood and the second has a panel door, but is not currently in use. The east elevation of the main section originally had an open one-story sun porch. In the mid-1980's rehabilitation and conversion of the house to an inn, this porch was enclosed and a modern open wood deck added to the east. A dining room addition was built at the same time at the southeast corner of the house, with a second story containing staff living quarters. The original kitchen of the house, in the two-story wing extending from the southwest corner, was enlarged with extensions to the south end during the same period in the 1980's.

The interior plan of the house was originally symmetrical, with parlors opening on the east and west sides of the central hall. The staircase is located at the rear of the hall and has a turned balustrade. The west parlor and the one-story enclosed section adjoining it on the west were the doctor's office and examining room, according to Mrs. Eugene C. Carusi, Dr. Perry's daughter. The two parlors retain the original mantelpieces, with Corinthian columns and molded shelf

8. Significance

Survey No. F-7-35

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Ca. 1910

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Dr. Benjamin C. Perry House is a good representative of the early 20th century Colonial Revival style in its principal exterior elevation. Although alterations to the house in the 1980's have considerably changed its interior and south elevations, the principal facade retains the imposing appearance, with the original setting of an extensive lawn, of a country estate of the wealthy class of the period. Dr. Benjamin Perry (1881-1943) was born in Kensington, Maryland and educated at Columbian University, the predecessor of George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He graduated from the Medical Department of the University in 1906. After post-graduate work at Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore, a residency at the Casualty Hospital in Washington, and six months' service on a U.S. Navy vessel, Dr. Perry settled in Urbana, taking over the practice of Dr. Elisha E. Mullenix, who had been the local physician for 30 years prior to about 1910. Dr. Perry married Minnie Nash in January of that year and the first purchase of property in Urbana was in her name on February 17, 1910. Three purchases over the period 1910-1915 seem to have comprised the original tract of about 60 acres. Mrs. Eugene C. Carusi, Dr. Perry's daughter, who was four years old when the family sold the property in 1919, has no information that her father built the house, and she has assumed that her parents purchased an existing dwelling. No other information to confirm this has been discovered, and all available sources, including land records and a personal interview with a long-time resident of Urbana, Mr. Marion Lawson, point to the house being erected shortly after the Perrys' marriage in 1910. After moving to Montgomery County in 1919, Dr. Perry went on to a distinguished career, practicing in Bethesda.

The Perry House is distinctly different in style from other large country houses in the Urbana vicinity, most of the others being stone, brick, log, and frame houses built from the early 1800's through the late 19th century. Directly across Urbana Pike from the Perry House is the Stancioff House (F-7-3; National Register), a unique architectural and historical landmark in Frederick County, which was possibly moved to the site from Virginia in the 1840's, later serving as a military school and a female seminary, as well as figuring in Civil War events in the Urbana area. A nearby structure is the Dixon House (F-7-73), a brick 1856 dwelling which has been considerably altered in the early and mid-20th century as a restaurant. Most of the other dwellings in the village are vernacular in style and construction. The Dr. Perry House is unique in its high-style appearance and scale, although it is not known whether an architect was the source of the design. By 1910, Frederick County

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-35

Carusi, Mrs. Eugene C., telephone interview, Oct. 7, 1993

Land Records of Frederick County

Lawson, Mr. Marion, telephone interview, Oct. 7, 1993

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, 758-759

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acresQuadrangle name Urbana, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting		Northing						

B

Zone	Easting		Northing						

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 96, Parcel 39

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date October 1993

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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8.1 Significance (Continued)

contractors were skilled in building the latest styles from pattern books, catalogs, and house plans which were widely available through newspapers and magazines. Houses of this type were frequently built in Frederick City and occasionally in the smaller towns and on farms as the country estates of wealthy professionals from Frederick and Washington.

7.1 Description (Continued)

supports. Most of the interior was remodeled and wall-to-wall carpet installed over the existing flooring. Mr. Charles Seymour, the innkeeper and son of the Droneburgs, the current property owners, described the building's condition prior to rehabilitation as very deteriorated, having been used as a rental property for several years.

Outbuildings: Although none of the outbuildings is contributing, they are the remnants of what was once a farmstead and as such should be noted. A two-story square, stuccoed building with a hipped corrugated metal roof may have been originally a carriage house and was later used as a garage. It has been remodeled for use as a guest cottage. The only architectural feature suggesting its original use is the hipped roof shape. The cottage is located south of the house and just east of it is a small frame and concrete block milking barn and milk house. The barn's date is difficult to estimate, but evidence of infill siding above the rectangular entrance on the west, the extension of the gable roof on the north side, and two louvred cupolas on the roof ridge suggest that it may have been built as a frame wagon shed/corn crib of the early 20th century which was remodeled with a new raised foundation wall of concrete block in the 1930's or 1940's for use as a milking parlor. The interior has a dropped ceiling, concealing any clues that may exist of a possible loft such as are found in wagon sheds of the same period. The milk house, linked to the north side of the barn by an open covered walk, appears to have been built about 1940. It is currently being converted to a second guest cottage.

Sammy Point

Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

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Liber/Folio

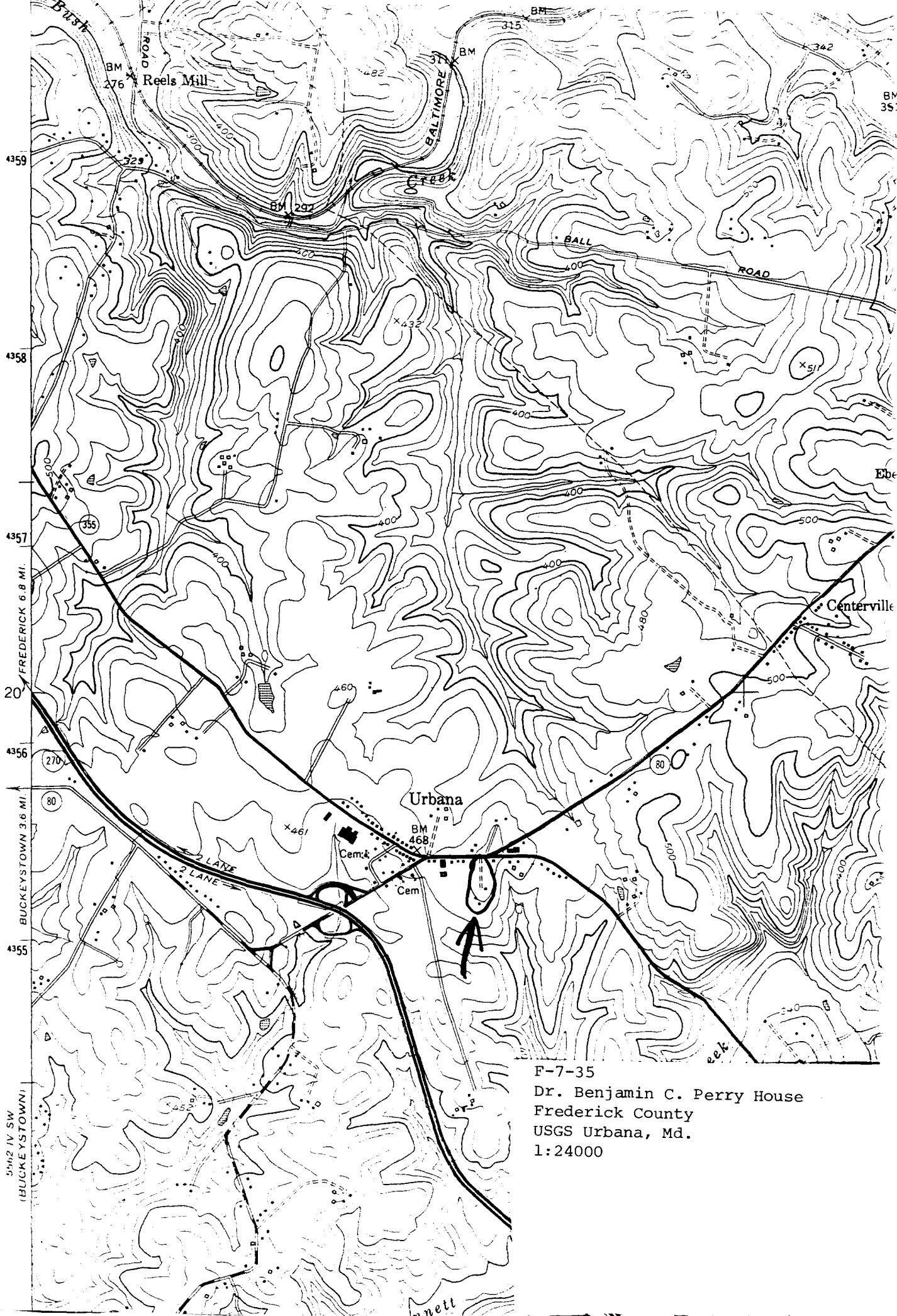
Grantee

Grantor

Cost

Miscellaneous

1131/569 5 Sept-91	Bernard & Eleanor Droneburg	Samuel Properties, Inc.	Parcel A, Addition to Plot Sammie Property Inc. ... Plot Book 47/100	\$93.500	1652/371 - rest of Sammie Parcel 817/372
1265/36 12 Dec. 84	Bernard L. & Eleanor D. Droneburg	L. Edward Dwyer p. atty for Mm. S. & Ingia Rpts	2.73 A.		
937/701 23 Apr 74	Mm. S. & Ingia Rpts	Mm. S. Rpts & John W. Gilder	2.73 A.		
892/509 12 Jul 71	Mm. S. Rpts & John W. Gilder	Heslia C. & Lorella T. Foster his wife	2.73 A.		
551/51 10 Aug 55	Heslia C. Foster et ux	John L. & Ruth Bodine Conners	2.73 A.		
481/368 18 Nov 49	John L. Conners et ux	Michael E. & Lillian B. Geisler	2.73 A.		
472/331 15 June 48	Michael E. Geisler et ux	Harris E. & Helen M. Binder	36 A. 17.2 sq. ft.		
449/399 21 June 45	Harris E. Binder et ux	Samuel H. & Henrietta K. Rosenstock	26.1075 A.		
329/41 1 Oct 19	Samuel H. Rosenstock et ux	Benjamin C. & Minnie M. Perry			436/143
240/410 17 Feb 10	Minnie L. Perry	Lucy Ann McCuray	"Manny McKees One" 21 A., 32 sq. ft. 29 sq. ft.		also: 9 A. 314/318 32 A. 314/401 Equity 9336 326/1442



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